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25th July, 1953

Dear Professor Lederberg,

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd July. I donot feel that I can ever thank you for this further evidence of your kindness and endeavours on my behalf. After my previous letter I donot know how I can really deserve such treatment from you.

As you stated in your letter my reasons for rejecting the appointment were not entirely financial. I cannot, however, conceal the fact that they did baulk rather large on the horizon. In face of your present offer any reservations I may have had are, of course, ridiculous. I have not been able to consult with my fiancée on this, she is still in Manchester, but I am sure that she feels the same way as I do. There is nothing I can do but accept and to hope that the work I will do will help in some small way to repay your good will.

There must I am afraid still be one proviso. That is that I shall be able to secure a passage. I am writing about this immediately, but there may be difficulties here as it is rather late in the day and this has been a very heavy tourist season over here. I will, however, keep you informed on this.

I wonder if you could give me one further piece of information. Could you suggest a suitable bank in Madison to which I could arrange for the transfer of my sterling from this country? It would be rather helpful, though not essential, if you could do this.

I hope that you have a pleasant vacation. I have asked for the letter to be forwarded, I hope you do not mind.

Once again 'Thank you very much',

Yours sincerely,

A. Bernstein